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SUBKGC STUDENTS REPLY TO HOME MINISTER

REF: SINGAPORE 5102, PARAS 4 & 5

1. UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS UNION (USSU) HAS REJECTED CHARGE BY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS IN HIS LETTER OF DECEMBER 24 THAT USSU HAS BEEN MADE INTO A POLITICAL MACHINE. IN FIVE-PAGE RESPONSE DECEMBER 28 USSU CALLED MINISTER'S STATEMENTS "TOTALLY UNFOUNDED" AND HOPED MINISTRY WOULD "NOT OVER-REACT WITH DRASTIC STEPS SUCH AS THE DETENTION OR ARREST OF MORE OF OUR LEADERS OR THE BANNING OF OUR UNION."

2. AFTER TICKING OFF LOCAL ISSUES IN WHICH USSU HAS BEEN INVOLVED, LETTER SAID "METHODS WE USED WERE NON-VIOLENT AND OUR TAKING THEM UP WAS SOCIALLY AND HUMANISTICALLY MOTIVATED." IT CLAIMED THERE WAS NO WAY ISSUES COULD LEAD TO OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT, GAIN OF POLITICAL POWER FOR USSU OR INDIVIDUALS IN IT, OR CAUSE RIOTS OR ARREST.

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MOREOVER, USE OF WORD "POLITICAL" BY MINISTER COULD "MEAN ANYTHING

UNDER THE SUN. TO US, POLITICAL MEANS TO BE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED,
WITH POLITICAL ENDS IN MIND -- TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL POWER. IN THAT
WE DEFINITELY ARE NOT POLITICAL."

3. USSU LETTER ALSO LISTED ITS ACTIONS TO PROMOTE STUDENTS' BREAD
AND BUTTER INTERESTS ON CAMPUS (TO REFUTE MINISTER'S CHARGE THAT
IT MORE CONCERNED WITH WAGING POLITICAL STRUGGLE) AND DECLARED THAT
ITS "LINKS WITH OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NO MORE THAN THE NORMAL
EXTERNAL LINKS WITH STUDENTS OVERSEAS. WE ARE NOT SUBSIDIZED BY
ANYBODY AND ARE PREPARED TO CHALLENGE ANYONE TO CHECK OUR BOOKS."
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